

FORT RILEY SPRING TURKEY SEASON 2004

1. SEASON

The 2004 Fort Riley Spring Turkey Season will consist of a Youth/Handicapped Hunt 9-11 April and the regular season, 14 April through 31 May 2004.

NOTE: The military mission takes precedence over all announced hunting seasons. All or parts of the post's Hunting Areas may be closed to hunting during part or all of the turkey season because of military training.

2. ELIGIBILITY.

- a. All individuals who may legally hunt turkeys in the state of Kansas.
- b. All hunters must also complete a "NRA approved or equivalent" hunter education course to hunt on DoD property.

3. PERMITS REQUIRED.

- a. The following permits are required to hunt turkeys on Fort Riley during the Spring Turkey Season in 2004.

- (1) Kansas Hunting or Combination Hunt/Fish License
- (2) Kansas Unit 2 Spring Turkey Permit or game tag
- (3) Fort Riley Hunting and Fishing Permit
- (4) Fort Riley Turkey Hunting Sticker

b. Fort Riley Spring Turkey Stickers Availability: The number of stickers available to hunt turkeys on Fort Riley is unlimited. However, the number of hunters allowed in each of the five turkey hunting units will be limited dependant upon the number of open hunting areas in that unit on any particular day. Each person will be assigned either a **primary** or a **secondary** sticker that is valid in only one Fort Riley Spring Turkey Unit. Hunters will be allowed to hunt only in the turkey hunting unit for which they hold a sticker. Those hunters holding **primary** stickers will be allowed to hunt in their authorized unit any day there is one or more areas open for shotgun hunting in that Turkey Unit. Both **primary** and **secondary** sticker holders will be allowed to hunt when an adequate portion (as determined by the Fort Riley Conservation Division) of their assigned turkey unit is open for shotgun hunting. The open areas hotline and the hunter check stations will state primary or secondary status for each turkey hunting unit each day throughout the spring turkey season.

Table 1

Turkey Hunting Unit	Primary Stickers	Secondary Stickers
I	40	Unlimited
II	60	Unlimited
III	40	Unlimited
IV	30	Unlimited
V	60	Unlimited

Stickers will be allocated on a first come, first served basis beginning at **0730 on 19 March 2004**. (For example, the first 60 persons that request Fort Riley Spring Turkey Unit V will be given a primary sticker for that unit and any others requesting that unit will receive a secondary sticker).

Deployed Soldiers and Civilians: If all of the primary stickers have been awarded, any military or civilian in a deployment status as of 19 March will receive a primary Fort Riley Spring Turkey sticker in the unit of their choice.

Youth/Handicap Season: Any youth or handicapped person eligible per Kansas regulation may hunt the special Youth/Handicapped season on Fort Riley. Youth/Handicapped hunters must receive their safety briefing and spring turkey sticker prior to hunting, but will not be restricted to the regular season spring turkey units. (Note: Applicants for the Youth Hunt must meet state of Kansas age requirements for hunting during the Youth Turkey Season.)

c. All Hunters must have a valid 2004 Fort Riley Hunting and Fishing Permit. No hunter may possess more than one Kansas Turkey Permit (\$21) and one Kansas second Turkey Game Tag (fee \$11) during the 2004 Spring Turkey Season.

d. No hunter may possess more than one Fort Riley Turkey Hunting Sticker in 2004.

4. PERMIT ACQUISITION.

a. Kansas Unit 2 Spring Turkey Permits are available "over the-counter" at Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) regional offices, state park offices (including the offices at the Milford Lake and Tuttle Creek State Parks) and County Clerk Offices.

b. Any individual who has purchased a Kansas Spring Turkey Permit is eligible to purchase a second Kansas Turkey Game Tag. The second Kansas Turkey Game Tag is valid for Unit #2 only, which includes Fort Riley.

c. Fort Riley Spring Turkey Stickers will be available starting on 19 March at 0730 as the Fort Riley DES-Conservation Office, bldg 1020. All hunters, including youth/handicapped, must receive a safety briefing and sign a signature page that indicates they understand these regulations prior to issuance of Fort Riley Spring Turkey Stickers. Stickers may be reserved for dependants for up to 2 weeks.

d. Fort Riley Turkey Stickers may not be transferred.

5. BAG LIMIT

The legal bag limit shall be one bearded turkey per Kansas Permit and one bearded turkey per second Kansas Permit (called a Game Tag). Individuals possessing both a Kansas turkey permit and Kansas turkey game tag may harvest both birds in one day.

6. HUNTING PROCEDURES.

Hunters must check-in and -out each day they hunt at one of the nine Fort Riley Hunter Check Stations. Hunters may only turkey hunt in their assigned unit for the entire season and according to their **primary** or **secondary** status for each day as listed at the Hunter Check Stations.

All turkey hunters must wear hunter orange to and from their stationary position.

7. HARVESTED TURKEYS.

Hunters may - but are not required to - bring their turkeys to the fort's DES-Conservation Office to be weighed and measured. All hunters harvesting a turkey on Fort Riley **are required** to complete the survey form on the hunter cards and deposit it at Hunter Check Station. Information requested will include location of kill, length of turkey's beard and length of turkey's spurs.

8. LEGAL METHODS OF TAKE.

Only 20-gauge or larger shotguns (**with no larger than size #2 shot**) and recurve or compound bows (with all arrows being equipped with non-barbed broadhead points with all -metal cutting edges) will be allowed for turkey hunting. Arrows must be at least 20 inches long.

9. OFF LIMITS AREAS.

The **IMPACT AREA** and the **MULTIPURPOSE RANGE COMPLEX (MPRC)** are off-limits at all times! Areas not listed as open for shotgun hunting at the hunter check stations are **NOT** open for turkey hunting.

10. FIREARMS REGISTRATION

Fort Riley Regulation 190-1 requires that **ALL** firearms brought on to post be registered with the Provost Marshal's Office (PMO). Firearms must be registered by the owners regardless of military affiliation prior to bringing the firearms on post. Firearms may be registered at the Outdoor Recreation Center (bldg 9011), the Conservation Office (bldg 1020) or PMO (bldg 221)

11. INFORMATION.

For further information concerning the Spring 2004 Fort Riley Turkey season, contact the DES-Conservation Office at (785) 239-6211 or visit the website at www.riley.army.mil. Click on "Recreation," then "Outdoor Recreation," then "Hunting."